**TIME EXPRESSIONS ACTIVE VOICE**

On this chart you will find the time expressions generally used with the verb tenses listed below. When you use these expressions, either orally or in writing, make sure you select the appropriate verb tense.

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<th>Verb Tense</th>
<th>Time Expressions</th>
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<td><strong>SIMPLE PRESENT</strong></td>
<td>write, writes, am, are, is, are, is, am, are, is, are, is</td>
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<td><strong>SIMPLE PRESENT PROGRESSIVE</strong></td>
<td>writing, is writing, are writing</td>
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<td><strong>SIMPLE PAST</strong></td>
<td>wrote, written, was, were, is, were, has, have, had, had</td>
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<td><strong>SIMPLE FUTURE</strong></td>
<td>will write, written, will be writing, is going to write, going to write, will be written, will be written</td>
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<td><strong>PRESENT PERFECT</strong></td>
<td>have/has written, have/has been writing</td>
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- **Every**
- **Now**
- **At this moment**
- **At the present**
- **Currently**
- **Temporarily**
- **For the last/past**
- **For the last/past**
- **How long**
- **Ever**
- **One in a while**
- **Rarely**
- **Almost never**
- **Hardly ever**
- **Seldom**
- **Hardly ever**
- **Almost never**
- **Never**

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*If since introduces a time clause, the verb in the time clause will be simple past.*

**By the time/When**

- Used with when to express two continuous activities occurring at the same time in past: I was reading while you were writing.
- Used with when to express past activity in progress interrupted by a non-continuous activity: I was writing when you called.
- Used with by the time to express two activities occurring in the past one occurring before the other: First activity: past perfect/second activity: simple past. Can also be used with since.

**Example:** By the time we arrived, he had already left.